(e) Three persons were arrested on the basis of the evidence collected during the course of ;he investigation of the aforesaid case u/s 498-A and 406 IPC registered at PS Rajouri Garden.

Maintenance of Books of Accounts by Religious Institutions

4722. SHRI AHMED MOHAMED-BHAI PATEL:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of religious institutions which received funds from countries abroad have stopped maintaining books of accounts ;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued notices to the institutions which are covered under the Foreign Contributions Act, 1976;

(c) whether all the institutions are required to take Union Government's permission before receiving the amounts;

(d) whether all the institutions have thus violated the Foreign Contributions Act; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PHOT) : (a) No such instances have come to the notice of the Government. However, under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. 1976, the associations are required to maintain accounts of receipt and utiliza-tion of foreign contribution and send an intimation to Government.

Ob) to (e) Do not arise.

Activities in the border areas of Rajasthan and Gujarart

4723. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-Pak borders in Rajasthan and Gujarat has 15—28 RSS/95 become a hotbed of activities of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) cf Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs has recently visited the above border areas and if so, the details of the on the spot mea sures adopted by him ;

(d) whether any report has been sub-mi-ted to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) The reports available with the Government indicate plans of Pak ISI to send in trained militants into India from the Coastal areas of Gujarat and land border of Rajasthan, particularly from the Barmer and Jaisalmer sectors, with the aim to carry out sabotage and subversive activities. Pak intelligence officers are regularly visiting border villages opposite Jaisalmer, Barmer and Bhuj with the sole aim of motivating and engaging the border smugglers on either side of the border and elicit their help in infiltrating militants and smuggling of arms/ammunition into India.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Minister of State has visited the Rajasthan Border and had suggested measures to strengthen the security along the border so as to foil the Pak ISI's plans. The measures taken by the Government include sensitisation of the concerned agencies, gearing up of intelligence machinery, fencing and flood lighting of the vulnerable stretches of Indo-Pak border, reducing the distance between BOPs, increasing the number of Patrols/Nakas, erection of OP towers, intensification of border patrolling, supply of various equipments for effective observation during day and night, strengthening of BSF etc.